

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0031] and [0032] with the following amended paragraphs:

**[0031]** Fig. 7 is a top view of another embodiment of a biasing mechanism for positioning pawl 41, indicated at 300. In this embodiment, biasing mechanism 300 comprises a pawl bias spring 308 in the form of a leaf spring mounted to base plate 22 through a mounting post 310. A motion limiting pin 311 abuts against the back side of pawl bias spring 308 to prevent pawl bias spring 308 from rotating clockwise and thereby ensuring that pawl bias spring 308 applies a proper biasing force to positioning pawl 41. When winding lever 28 is in the nonoperating position shown in ~~Fig. 6~~ Fig. 7, pawl bias spring 308 contacts positioning pawl 41 at a bias location P, and the biasing force applied to positioning ratchet 34 by pawl tooth 146 is determined by the spring force of pawl bias spring 308 and the distance between mounting axle 118 of positioning pawl 41 and the bias location P.

**[0032]** When winding lever 28 is rotated in the counterclockwise direction A, takeup element 30 begins winding inner cable 102, and mounting axle 118 moves from the right end of opening 114 shown in ~~Fig. 6~~ Fig. 7 to the left end of opening 114 before pawl tooth 146 begins to move relative to a positioning tooth 134B in the same manner discussed above. Since positioning pawl 41 moves together with mounting axle 118, positioning pawl 41 moves relative to pawl bias spring 308 until pawl bias spring 308 contacts positioning pawl 41 at a bias location Q. At this time, the force of pawl bias spring 308 and the distance between mounting axle 118 of positioning pawl 41 and the bias location Q determine the biasing force applied to positioning ratchet 34 by pawl tooth 146. Since this distance is less than the distance between mounting axle 118 of positioning pawl 41 and the bias location P, the applied torque on positioning pawl 41 is correspondingly less, and the biasing force applied by pawl tooth 146 to positioning ratchet 34 is reduced. When winding lever 28 returns to the nonoperating position, pawl bias spring 308 again contacts positioning pawl 41 at bias location P with the corresponding increase in biasing force.